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"MORMON GROVE" DEDICATED

San Francisco's world-famous Golden Gate Park was the scene of beautiful and unique ceremonies on September 2nd, 1938, when the Relief Society of San Francisco Stake under the leadership of its president, Esther D. Stephens, placed a plaque to mark the trees which were planted there six years ago in honor of the George Washington Bi-centennial. The plaque, made of Utah copper and set deep into a large natural granite boulder, is placed near the center of the grove, which is near the Nineteenth Avenue and Lincoln Way entrance.



DEDICATES GROVE

The dedicatory ceremony was held at high noon with perfect weather conditions. The park management had placed seats for the congregation, and picnic tables for the luncheon held afterward. A flagpole with the Stars and Stripes floating therefrom stood in the meadow nearby.

Former President J. Edward Johnson of Berkeley was honored as the guest speaker and deliverer of the dedicatory prayer. President Stephen H. Winters, Mrs. Emmeline Y. Nebeker of the Relief Society General Board, and President Esther D. Stephens all spoke, preceding the unveiling of the plaque by the Ward Relief Society presidents. This was followed by congregational singing, the dedicatory remarks and prayer, and the bugle call, "Taps," by the bugler from the Presidio.

The plaque was donated by the Utah Copper Company; the granite boulder by the McGilvray Raymond Corporation of San Francisco, and Charles Ohran and his son, Carl Ohran, did the cutting and hauling.

CHURCH TO HAVE EXHIBIT AT TREASURE ISLAND

Word has been received by Patriarch I. B. Ball from Elder Stephen L. Richards, chairman of the Church Publicity Committee, that a large space has already been engaged in one of the main buildings on Treasure Island and architects are busy preparing plans and specifications for a novel exhibit.

IMPORTANT COMING EVENTS

- October 7, 8, 9—Semi-annual General Conference, in Salt Lake City.
- October 14—Opening event, Stake social season, an old-fashioned Barn Dance, Berkeley Ward Recreation Hall.
- October 29, 30—Stake Quarterly Conference, Oakland Chapel.

Luncheon will be served to Stake conference visitors on October 30th by the Oakland Ward Relief Society. The charge will be nominal, but the convenience will be great.

MONASTICISM AND MODERN LIFE

By RICHARD W. OWENS

(Editor's Note: The following short talk was delivered in Berkeley ward recently by Elder Richard W. Owens. A native of Ogden, Utah, Elder Owens was graduated from Utah State Agricultural College in 1937 and is now doing graduate work in agricultural economics at the University of California. He has been very active in church affairs, serving in the music departments of various auxiliary organizations. He filled a mission to Switzerland and Germany, and was president of the Bremen, and later the Hanover district. In 1936 he was married to Margaret Watkins.)

Edgar J. Goodspeed, writing in *Harper's* gives us the following:

In the third century, men began to despair of the world; nothing could be done about it; so high-minded individuals went out and set up housekeeping in suitable caves. More and more followed, until there were anchorite communities which devoted themselves entirely to piety. The world, meantime, went from bad to worse—with the best people withdrawn, the worst had it their own way. The escape into monasticism paved the way for the Dark Ages.

Monasticism seems very antique to most of us, yet it still flourishes. I am surrounded by people—scholars, engineers, professional men, preachers, writers, a large part of the intelligentsia—who are convinced that the world is in an awful mess and that the less we have to do with it the better. This prevailing political creed is simply a new monasticism. And if the best among us withdraw from public life, governments will again grow more and more rotten. "You are the salt of the earth," yes—but monasticism forgets that the place for salt is on the meat, not on the shelf."

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints has always undertaken the most difficult of tasks. From the beginning up to the present time the members of our faith have accomplished things which, at first, seemed insurmountable. The very founding of the church, the crossing of the plains, and the building up of the intermountain empire were achievements which brought out the very best in all of the people. Naturally, the consummation of these Herculean tasks required the finest of leadership.

There was a period when the church was forced to withdraw from the world. In order that the lives of the members might be protected, it was necessary that the church seek seclusion. The missionaries, however, continued to go out among men to spread the message of the gospel. Thus, the church did not go into

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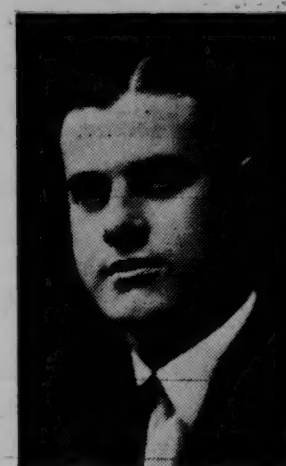
RATES TO SALT LAKE IN EFFECT FOR CONFERENCE

Rates to October conference over the Southern Pacific, provided not less than fifteen passengers take advantage of them, have been arranged for \$18.00 round trip on chair car, \$20.20 on coach, 20-day limit; upper berth, \$2.80; lower, \$3.70. Train leaves Oakland, 16th Street station, on October 6 at 8:54 a. m.

Any person desiring such tickets please contact George E. Southgate, 1922 Vine Street, Berkeley, Berkeley 2438-J.

VINAL MAUSS IN OAKLAND BISHOPRIC

His many friends are congratulating Vinal Mauss who has been chosen by Bishop Norberg as his second counselor. Rulon Doney, formerly second counselor, has been made first counselor to succeed Reed H. Chase, who is now first counselor in Claremont Ward bishopric.



SECOND COUNSELOR

Elder Mauss has been superintendent of Oakland Sunday School for nearly two years, and one of the presidency of the 247th Quorum of Seventy. Born in Murray, Utah, son

of Bishop Michael and Lottie Wright Mauss, his first real claim to distinction, still valid, is that he is a triplet. His two sisters are both living. He was graduated from L. D. S. University and went to Japan on a mission in 1922. Returning, he was active in Highland Park Ward auxiliaries. He was married to Ethel Lind in the Salt Lake Temple in 1927. The couple moved to Long Beach in 1931, where Elder Mauss continued his church activities, serving as superintendent of Sunday Schools in Long Beach Ward, as Stake missionary, and as a member of the Stake superintendency of Sunday Schools. The Mausses came to Oakland in 1936, and have ever been ready to do their bit in church work.

STAKE BARN DANCE

Friday, October 14th, will mark the beginning of the Stake's social year. An outstanding social event has been scheduled for this date in the nature of a big Barn Dance, to be held in the Berkeley Stake Recreation Hall at Vine and Walnut streets.

The party will begin promptly at 8 p. m. This event is under the supervision of Bert R. Orth and Mary Dunham of the Stake M. I. A. Boards, but is to be a Stake-wide recreational event with every auxiliary participating.

The hall will be colorfully decorated to represent an old-fashioned barn. Blue jeans, overalls, plaid shirts, gingham dresses and old-fashioned costumes will be the style. City "slickers" who do not have such costumes may come as they are and may join in the informality and riotous fun. The Daughters of the Pioneers are expected to lend a colorful touch to the occasion. A splendid eight-piece "hill-billy" orchestra has been obtained and old-fashioned dances will be conducted by Mrs. Mavis Humphries and her committee, who will demonstrate and teach the old-fashioned square and group dances. Many surprises have been planned and the old oaken bucket will flow with apple cider to accompany bowls of home-made doughnuts.

This is a fine opportunity to come and bring your friends for a real enjoyable evening. Admission will be 50 cents per couple. Extra lady, 15 cents.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he
will prepare the way before me; and the Lord
whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his
temple."—Mal. 3:1.

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WHAT IS WRONG WITH
SACRAMENT MEETINGS?

Strictly speaking the question probably should
be, what is wrong with attendance at sacra-
ment meetings? On the theory, however, that
if a meeting is all right it will draw the crowd,
there must be something wrong with the meet-
ing if the attendance is off.

And attendance, decidedly, is off.

When only 16 per cent of those who should
be there are found at a gathering something is
radically wrong. Such a condition could not be
tolerated in the modern business world if the
business is to succeed. It is generally recognized
that a quorum must be present in order to trans-
act any business. A quorum is always more than
50 per cent, and any action taken by less than
50 per cent is not considered binding.

If that be true in the ordinary business of
life, how much more true should it be in the
Lord's business? Yet not a single ward in Oak-
land Stake comes anywhere near having 50 per
cent of its members out to sacrament meet-
ings—the most important meeting of the church.

Consider the figures for the month of August:

Ward	Percentage Attendance
Alameda.....	24
Berkeley.....	17
Dimond.....	22
Elmhurst.....	16
Hayward.....	26
Martinez.....	17
Oakland.....	19
Pittsburg.....	29
Richmond.....	21
Vallejo.....	20

What is wrong? Are people no longer reli-
gious? Or is it that those in charge are not
giving us the right kind of spiritual food at the
meetings? Or is it something else? THE MES-
SENGER would like to know.

Early last year a committee was appointed to
consider this matter. The committee made a
report on December 29th containing a number
of recommendations. Space will not permit
going into those recommendations now; suffice
to say that with several months of this year
gone in which these recommendations were sup-
posed to have been in effect, there has been

STAKE PRESIDENCY'S
MESSAGE

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS:

We are pleased to note the consistent
progress made upon our various welfare
projects in this Stake. There has been
nothing spectacular, but there has been
consistent, steady progress, and our peo-
ple as a whole show a consciousness of
the desirability of this activity. The eyes
of the world have been and still are upon
us.

On the principal Stake projects, the
building of work shop and store rooms at
the East Oakland plant, we are glad
to say that the building is virtually ready
for the roofing, and should be completely
enclosed before inclement weather arrives.
More than two thousand hours of labor
have gone into this project, labor which
otherwise would probably have largely
been lost. In addition, Elmhurst Ward
has been enlarging its chapel, and the
bishop reports that over \$2,200.00 in
labor has been donated to this project.

There are the other projects, too, such
as canning conducted by various wards
and quorums, where notable success has
been achieved. And there are still others
in the embryo stage which promise much
for the future.

Surely in the achievement of concrete
results such as these there is an object
lesson both for ourselves and those around
us. Here lies the road to temporal secu-
rity—the voluntary cooperation of one
with another.

There is still much to be done. There
is work for all. And with that work there
is the concrete satisfaction which comes
from knowing we have done our part for
our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

Sincerely your brethren,
EUGENE HILTON
W. GLENN HARMON
CLYDE J. SUMMERHAYS

NEW SECRETARY FOR HIGH
PRIESTS

Charles A. Maurer of Dimond has been sus-
tained as the new secretary of the High Priests'
Quorum, succeeding Elder George Southgate
who was released to take a position on the Stake
genealogical board. Elder Southgate is largely
responsible for the high degree of success which
has been attained in the High Priests' Quorum,
keeping all members in close touch with its
activities. Due largely to his efforts the death
benefit fund has reached a high peak.

Elder Maurer is well qualified for the new
position and, with the assistance of the retiring
secretary in getting started, will undoubtedly
keep up the efficiency of the office.

little change, small result. The root of the trou-
ble has not yet been found apparently.

But it should be found. THE MESSENGER
wants to help find it. The people of this Stake,
the ones most vitally affected, have the answer,
and we desire to know what it is. THE MES-
SENGER therefore invites each of its readers to
send us their ideas. Bear in mind the vital
function these meetings are supposed to serve,
tell us why you don't attend; and tell us what
is necessary to make you attend. Send your
contribution to THE MESSENGER, 793 Crag-
mont Avenue, Berkeley. We do not promise
to publish all we get, but we do promise that
suggestions received will be gratefully received
and given careful consideration—and we'll
make a report later on, of results. We hope,
too, that results will be translated into greater
attendance.

TWO MISSIONARIES RETURNING

Elder Boice Carr of Berkeley Ward, who has
served a mission in The Netherlands has been
released and will be home in the very near
future. Elder Carr had planned to stay in
Europe and study for a year, but the unsettled
political conditions have caused a change in
his plans, and he is now returning.

Sister Helene Brummett of Elmhurst Ward
has received an honorable release from the Cen-
tral States Mission, according to a letter just
received by Bishop McFarlane from President
Elias S. Woodruff, and is on her way home.

The return of these two will reduce the num-
ber in the field from Oakland Stake to a great
extent. Only one ward—Dimond—is up to
quota. The number of missionaries in the field
and the various ward quotas are as follows,
eliminating the two newly returning:

Ward	Quota	Missionaries In Field
Alameda.....	1	0
Berkeley.....	4	1
Claremont.....	(Not set)	0
Dimond.....	4	5
Elmhurst.....	4	3
Hayward.....	2	0
Martinez.....	2	0
Oakland.....	4	2
Richmond.....	1	0
Vallejo.....	2	1

PRESIDING BISHOPRIC TO VISIT
HERE

Word has been received that the new Presid-
ing Bishopric will visit Oakland and San Fran-
cisco Stakes as a part of a general tour of all
parts of the church. They will spend Sunday,
November 6, with us, and during the day will
have sessions with the Stake Presidencies of the
two Stakes, the high councils, bishoprics and
chairmen of Welfare Committee of the various
priesthood quorums. These meetings are sched-
uled to be held in San Francisco Ward Chapel.

RELIEF SOCIETY REORGANIZED

After some twelve years of faithful service
in ward and Stake, Sister Sarah H. Carruth
was released as president of the Oakland Stake
Relief Society on Sunday, September 25th. Her
two counselors, Sisters Ivie Breck and Sarah E.
Banning were also released.

Succeeding them, Sister Anna Ellsworth was
sustained as president, with Sisters Ruth Hilton
and Ada Lindblad as first and second coun-
selors.

The change came too late for THE MES-
SENGER to give more than the bare details in
this issue.

RELIEF SOCIETY NEWS

Never in the Stake has there been a more
enthusiastic opening of the Relief Society sea-
son than this year. During the month of Sep-
tember each ward held its opening social with
special effort being directed toward making it
a most entertaining affair. With the launching
of the Membership Drive each organization is
making a special effort to increase its mem-
bership and interest more women in participating
in and benefiting from the Relief Society pro-
gram.

The Magazine Drive is well under way in the
Stake and at this date a number of the associa-
tions are "over the top" with their quota of a
magazine for each member enrolled.

SPEAKING ASSIGNMENTS FOR
OCTOBER

Alameda: Claude M. Dewanup, Victor Lindblad.
Berkeley: William J. Nielsen, Don C. Wood.
Claremont: Grant Ellis, Eugene Jacobs.
Dimond: I. B. Ball, William F. Everett.
Elmhurst: William E. Potts, P. W. Dunyan.
Hayward: O. Leslie Stone, Hugh P. Anderson.
Martinez: W. Glenn Harmon.
Oakland: Eugene Hilton.
Pittsburg: John J. Keat, Nathan G. Tolman.
Richmond: Clyde J. Summerhays.
Vallejo: Don J. Alphin, Delbert F. Wright.

WARD TEACHER'S MESSAGE
FOR OCTOBER, 1938.

What the Sacrament Should Mean
To Us.

Because the Sacrament is a regular part of
our church service and is partaken of fre-
quently, it is but natural that it should seem
to become commonplace and be considered as
an ordinary experience, unless we pause occa-
sionally and consider its very serious and
sacred import.

Every member of the church who partakes
of the Sacrament covenants with the Lord to
"keep His commandments which He has given
them." This covenant is renewed at every
Sacrament service. Could any more serious
and binding covenant be made than that?

This covenant made publicly in the presence
of Ward officers and members, should be kept
before us continually. It should never be per-
mitted to become a meaningless phrase. It
represents a solemn promise to "always re-
member Him," "that they may have His spirit
to be with them."

In the Sacrament we declare our willingness
to take upon ourselves the name of the Son of
God, the Savior of the world. This is one of
the most sacred of all obligations. It implies
a complete acceptance of the Gospel, a will-
ingness to forsake the ways of the world and
of men, and a determination to follow the
teachings of God's servants.

In specific and practical terms, it places each
member under obligation to honor the Sabbath,
to observe the law of Tithing, to keep the Word
of Wisdom, to render service in the church in
order that His kingdom shall be built up, to
remember the poor and needy, to respect and
love our neighbors, to give obedience to the
advice and counsel of the servants of the Lord,
and, in general, to order our lives in accord-
ance with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

How many Latter-day Saints have these
things in mind when partaking of the Sacra-
ment? It is suggested that Ward teachers dis-
cuss this subject with the families they visit,
reading the blessings on the bread and water
(D. and C., Sec. 20:76-79) and encouraging all
members to live for the blessings that come
when we have the spirit of the Lord with us as
promised.

MONASTICISM AND MODERN
LIFE

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monasticism, but sought only a place of refuge
where it could rest and strengthen itself.

At the present time, we find the boundaries
of the church being continually widened. Many
members of the church are founding homes
far removed from the place of refuge. They
are being confronted with the problems of
creating and improving environments in which
they may find peace and happiness and in
which their children may develop into whole-
some maturity. They have the tools with which
suitable environments may be created. The
principles and teachings of the church, if care-
fully followed, will result in the most desirable
conditions.

It appears to me that it is the duty of duly
equipped members of the church to enter pub-
lic life. The principles for which they stand
and the message of honesty, straight-forward-
ness, and square dealing which they bear should
do much toward making desirable places to
live. If our leaders and our learned men do
not carry the basic principles into public life;
if our best people withdraw into monasticism,
government will become more and more corrupt.
The way will again be paved for new "Dark
Ages."

Those of us who are not prepared to enter
public service have an extremely important
part to play in the task of improving social
conditions. We are, also, bearers of the message
of the church. Our lives should demonstrate
the results of these teachings. Our most hearty
support should be extended those who do enter
the service of society. Let us remember that
"the place for the salt is on the meat, not on
the shelf."

OAKLAND STATE SOCIAL CALENDAR

1938 - 1939

All events in BLACK FACE are definitely scheduled. All other
dates and events are to be verified later.

KEEP THIS CALENDAR FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

OCT. 14, 1938 (FRIDAY)—BIG BARN DANCE, BERKELEY STAKE RE-
CREATION HALL, VINE AND WALNUT STREETS.

Oct. 21, 1938 (Friday)—Stake Genealogical Party, Oakland Recreation Hall.

Nov. 4, 1938 (Friday)—Sunday School Stake and Ward Officers and Teachers'
Party.

Nov. 5, 1938 (Saturday)—Fathers' and Sons' Outing.

NOV. 23, 1938 (WEDNESDAY)—UTAH-IDAHO HARVEST BALL, SCOT-
TISH RITE TEMPLE.

Dec. 9, 1938 (Friday)—Stake Boy Scout Rally, Oakland Chapel.

DEC. 18, 1938 (SUNDAY)—STAKE MUSIC FESTIVAL, OAKLAND CHAPEL.

DEC. 31, 1938 (SATURDAY)—NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL, BERKELEY RE-
CREATION HALL.

Jan. 13, 1939 (Friday)—Seventies' Party, Oakland Chapel.

Jan. 20, 1939 (Friday)—Stake M-Men Gleaners Party.

Feb. 3, 1939 (Friday)—Formal Dinner Dance, Athens Athletic Club.

Feb. 10, 1939 (Friday)—Boy Scout - Bee-Hive Girls Party.

MARCH 10, 1939 (FRIDAY)—GREEN AND GOLD BALL, SCOTTISH RITE
TEMPLE.

MARCH 17, 1939 (FRIDAY)—ANNUAL RELIEF SOCIETY PARTY.

MARCH 25, 1939 (FRIDAY)—STAKE OPERA, "BOHEMIAN GIRL", BERKE-
LEY RECREATION HALL.

April 8, 1939 (Friday)—Stake Presentation of Four Winning One-Act Plays, Berke-
ley Recreation Hall.

April 21, 1939 (Saturday)—Junior Festival.

APRIL 29, 1939 (SATURDAY)—PRIMARY SPRING FESTIVAL, "THE
HAPPY HEARTS", BERKELEY RECREATION HALL, AT 3 P. M.

MAY 2, 1939 (TUESDAY)—WARD THEME FESTIVAL AND HONOR
DAY.

MAY 5, 1939 (FRIDAY)—STAKE SWARM DAY BEE-HIVE GIRLS.

MAY 11, 1939 (THURSDAY)—STAKE THEME FESTIVAL AND HONOR
DAY.

MAY 27, 28, 29, 30—YOUTH CONFERENCE.

JULY 24, 1939 (MONDAY)—STAKE PIONEER DAY CELEBRATION.

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ONE WHO KNEW THE PROPHET

By ISAAC B. BALL

(Editor's Note: This is the fourth installment of a short biography of Joseph Younger Mayberry, father of Sister Josephine Mayberry Braley, of Berkeley Ward. Another installment will appear in an early issue.)

This exodus from Missouri began in the fall of 1838, and was completed in the spring of 1839. Governor Boggs had won a seemingly great, though heartless, victory for intolerance and lawlessness. Little was the protection for the outcasts during that fearful winter of '38 and '39. Joseph Mayberry records: "We were camped together, some in tents, some in wagons. The leaders and the people were all on a common level. The shelterless sat around camp fires, getting what comfort they could, as the cold and the winter storms raged about them. Each helped the others, until all had their goods by the river banks. When the river had frozen sufficiently to allow safe passage, we crossed to the other side, and camped as best we could in the new home in Illinois. Destitute of the barest necessities of life, and exposed to biting frost, many fell sick, and many died."

When the spring broke, the stricken Saints moved their little belongings to the place then called Commerce, which boasted but six houses.

On May 1st, 1839, the first tract of land (about 20,000 acres) was purchased. The prophet, just released from hateful prison, brought his family and located in a small log house on the banks of the Mississippi. (NOTE: Readers of last month's *Era* will recall the article regarding plans by citizens of Illinois for turning Nauvoo into a State Park, with the L. D. S. Church again in possession of the Temple site, all to commemorate the Saints' noble qualities under the terrible injustices of religious madness. Recall also that there will be a Church pilgrimage next year to Nauvoo to commemorate anniversary of the founding of Nauvoo in the spring of 1839.)

The Mayberry family, in common with the other Saints, found this to be a very unhealthy place, much of it being low and swampy, and, of course, malarial. Sickness claimed some of every household. Then it was that young Joseph received the added testimony of the divine power of the Priesthood as he beheld the Prophet rise from his own bed of affliction and go forth among the stricken and bed-fast Saints, healing everyone, on both sides of the river.

"Soon we began to dig trenches from the stagnant pools to the river." Though this was a herculean task, requiring united labors of hundreds for a year, still it reclaimed the land, and improved the health of the people (because it destroyed the breeding grounds of the malarial mosquitoes). It was then seen that it was an excellent site for a city, the land sloping upwards from the river, which here makes an "S" bend, giving the city three fronts and a commanding view.

Another large tract of land was soon purchased across the river in Iowa, and affairs began to look up again. "When Governor Lucas of Iowa saw our advancement, he wrote to Governor Boggs of Missouri, reproving him for his treatment of the Mormons. Governor Boggs replied that he was 'sick of the whole thing; would have protected the Saints to save his sense of honor, but dared not do anything in their favor for fear that the mob would take revenge on him.'"

By the spring of 1840 a sense of security crept into the hearts of the Saints in Nauvoo. But just at this moment of seeming peace a mob moved swiftly and secretly from Missouri, taking the Prophet and several others as fugitives from justice! Oaths were made by these villains that they would neither eat nor sleep until they had killed the Prophet.

"We were all in a state of excitement, and of worry for fear that they would carry out their threat. A great quantity of liquor was

brought by these Missourians to give them courage. Consequently they drank themselves into a drunken stupor. Then, through the help of the jailor, the prisoners were enabled to make their escape, and flee to the Saints for protection.

"I had not, up to this time, been baptized, for there had been little time for baptisms during these years of mobbings and drivings. But I had a testimony of the Gospel, and had been willing to cast my lot with the Saints. I was now 17 years of age, my brother David being 14. We applied for baptism, and were baptized in July, 1840, by Elder Alven Harr, in Nauvoo, and on October 8, 1840, my older brother, Gabriel, then 19, was baptized. The whole family were thus taken into the Church."

About this time Joseph Mayberry records that he and the Saints learned that the Prophet had gone to Washington to appeal for redress from President Van Buren, who, falling back upon the doctrine of states' rights, declared, "Your cause is just but I can do nothing for you."

"I have seen the Prophet when he was happy, because of the peace and prosperity of the Saints. I have seen him bowed down in sorrow, because of the persecutions of the Saints." He returned from Washington, saddened but not discouraged.

Our narrator records some pivotal activities in Church history which he beheld. In December, 1840, the city of Nauvoo was incorporated under state charter. All powers were granted for complete local control of government. On February 4, 1841, the Nauvoo legion was organized under the powers of the charter. On February 6, 1841, Joseph Mayberry became the proud owner by purchase of two certificates of Nauvoo House capital stock, numbered 51 and 52, for \$50.00 each. They are still in the family, and since that property was never sold, they are still a claim upon that part of Nauvoo.

OAKLAND STAKE COUPLES MARRY IN TEMPLE

Two prominent Oakland Stake couples were united in Temple marriages during the month of September. Both couples also spent part of their honeymoon trip doing Temple work in one of the Utah temples.

Miss Helen Turnbaugh and J. Oren Yorgason, both of Berkeley, were united in holy matrimony September 9 in the Salt Lake Temple. The ceremony was performed by President Nicholas G. Smith of the Salt Lake Temple, and with whom the groom was acquainted while Mr. Smith was President of the California Mission. After the marriage the young couple spent two weeks vacationing in Southern Utah, visiting Bryce, Zion and Grand canyons, and Boulder Dam. While in Southern Utah they went through the recently reopened St. George Temple, which has been closed for nearly a year for the purpose of redecoration and furnishing. Oran has served for some time as the Berkeley Ward clerk and Helen will be remembered for her activity in M. I. A. plays. The young couple will make their home in Oakland, where Mr. Yorgason is in the insurance business.

Miss Venus Bingham and Mr. Leon Edlefson, both of the Richmond Ward, were married in

the Salt Lake Temple on September 9. Following their marriage the young couple spent a week doing Temple work in the Salt Lake Temple, after which they enjoyed a wedding trip in and around Yosemite Park. The young couple will make their home in Richmond where they are active in ward affairs.

WARD NEWS

MARTINEZ WARD

Services Held at 1022 Thompson Street, Martinez
The Relief Society held its opening party on Friday, September 2nd. Games were enjoyed during the evening and refreshments served.

The Mutual officers sponsored a watermelon bust and weenie roast at Pacheco Park on September 7th, for the benefit of the Building Fund.

The M. I. A. opening party, September 13th, was enjoyed by all present and regular class-work began September 20th. We hope to interest more of our ward members in Mutual this year.

Pittsburg Branch presented a very fine program at sacrament meeting September 11th.

Mesdames Florence Robison and Vera Guymon served luncheon at the church on September 13th. A large number of ward members attended and the proceeds will go towards our Building Fund.

Regular meetings of the Primary organization commenced Saturday, September 24th. Meetings will be held each Saturday at 10:30 a. m.

HAYWARD WARD

Services Held at 1070 B Street

The M. I. A. is again in full swing. The same set of officers is scheduled for this year.

Mrs. Mary E. Christensen passed away September 4th, after a year of illness. The entire ward extends its sympathy to the family.

Elder Earl Judd and wife are quite proud these days because a very nice baby boy was born to them.

Genealogy is being held every Thursday night at Dr. Parry's office at 7:30. We invite you because we know that this class will be very instructive to you.

DIMOND WARD

Services Held in Chapel at 3618 Dimond Avenue, Oakland

Mrs. George Bagley and two daughters, from Oregon, are visiting with another daughter, Donna Pearce, and family.

Each organization is working and preparing for a successful bazaar this fall; the Primary officers are working on a silk quilt.

The Senior-Adult class in Mutual are glad Delbert Wright's accident wasn't too serious; they are going to enjoy his leadership.

The Hiltons were happy to receive an interesting and happy letter from Robert Kest in the Holland Mission. He was transferred recently to the northern part of the country where he is to be in charge of putting on the opera "Martha."

Although not formally announced, two young couples of our ward have recently become en-

gaged; they are John Morgan and Madge Fisher and Gene Johnson and Dorothy Dunster. Parley Fish, Jr., has been given the position of recreational director at Del Valle.

Another change has been made in the Mutual. Kenneth Everett and Clifton Passey have been succeeded as counselors to President J. R. Johnson by Blake Riding and Glenn Terry.

Mrs. Vilate Pearce is visiting in Arizona. The Gleaner Girls meet each week at one of their homes for a sewing bee.

Sidna Loe, a former Primary worker, and family are being congratulated on the arrival of their first son.

RICHMOND WARD

Services Held in Chapel, Corner 28th Street and Nevin Avenue, Richmond

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Tidwell and two children of Hollywood, California, have been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Allan Tidwell.

Miss Lileth Tidwell has returned from her summer's vacation in Smithfield, Utah.

The Gypsy trail led the M. I. A. to their opening party at Grand Canyon Park. Games under the direction of Leah Tidwell and Peter Gengler, were played and by these games L. J. Aiken was chosen as Gypsy King. Fortune telling, dancing and hot dogs and marshmallows rounded out the evening.

Miss Margaret Tidwell has just left for Smithfield, Utah, to visit relatives.

Mr. Owen Hilyard of Smithfield, Utah, has been visiting Miss Margaret Tidwell and family.

Mrs. F. Layton just returned from Salt Lake City, Utah. She has been visiting.

OAKLAND WARD

Services Held at Chapel, Corner Moss Avenue and Webster Street, Oakland

The Y. M. M. I. A. and Y. W. M. I. A. and the Primary Association have recently been reorganized. The Young Men's superintendent is Edward Kingsford and the Young Women's president is Aften Fielding. The superintendent of the Primary is Irene Ranker.

Mrs. Ralph Barney has just returned home from a three weeks' vacation, which she spent visiting her mother, Mrs. George Bagley of Deer Island, Oregon, and her sisters, Mrs. Glen Watts and Mrs. Sterling Aldridge of Amity, Oregon, formerly from the Oakland Ward. Mrs. Barney's mother and sisters came back with her to visit for a short time.

The opening party of the Mutual was a success. It was the finest party held in the ward for some time.

The senior Book of Mormon class held their meeting at Bishop Shield's home, August 28th. After the meeting refreshments were served to 28 guests.

The Genealogical Society held their opening party September 12th. A very enjoyable evening was had by all.

We are so happy to know that Rose Dever is recuperating from her long illness, and will soon be with us again.

The annual Homecoming Party, commemorating the 60th anniversary of the organization of the Primary, was held Wednesday evening, August 24th, in the Oakland Ward. It was very successful, with a large attendance of both parents and children. There was an appropriate program, followed by an exhibit of the work done during the year.

Mr. Harry Fletcher and Patriarch Ball motored to the Arroyo Sanitarium at Livermore to visit Laurence Sears, who is confined for treatment and rest.

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September 21st, a Prayer Circle and anniversary party as held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Axel Larson. Mr. Larson has been confined to his bed for the past few months.

We are glad to know that Ruth Wilson has recovered from her burns.

Among the Oakland people who visited the Fair in Sacramento were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fletcher, and Bishop and Mrs. Shields.

CLAREMONT WARD

Services Held at Wilkins Hall, 2412 Haste Street, Berkeley

Our first Sunday School was held September 11th, with an attendance of 153; on September 18th it rose to 218. James Kay is superintendent, with Dilworth Jensen and Gordon Jones as assistants, Ella Ingham, secretary; Curtis Millward, chorister and Mary Russell, organist.

The opening M. I. A. party saw 150 people present. Lorna Birchell, president of the Young Women, and Heber James Brown, superintendent of the Young Men, were in charge. Other officers are Martin Jeffries, Ward Ingham, Helen Clovis, Dorothy Hierman, Marie Compton, Jack Millward, Ardelle Perry, Harold Gaisford, Harold Butcher, Thomas Birchall, Stanley Carr, Dorothy Brown, Wanda Chase and Cleone Rogers.

The Claremont Relief Society held its opening social at the home of Bishop and Mrs. Carr on September 6. Musical selections were given by Mrs. Francelle Larsen, assisted by Ardell Kay. President Richards and Mrs. Lindblad represented the Berkeley Relief Society in presenting the new organization with \$35.00, and a share in all the materials they have on hand.

Regular meetings are being held each Thursday at 2 p. m. in Wilkins Hall. The organization will have following officers and teachers: President, Lenore C. Wood; Ardell Kay and La Verne Gaisford, counselors; secretary and treasurer, Eva Bateman, and Wanda Chase, Eva Harker, Miriam Ellsworth, Margaret Owens, Lorna Birchall, Clara Acomb, Mrs. R. B. Zuppann, Mrs. Nora Latimer and Mrs. Annette Wood. Magazine agents are Clara Gleason and Gertrude Lowry; hostess, Mrs. Dorothy Brown; chairman of reception, Mrs. Viola Carr.

A silver shower was given by the conjoint Berkeley and Oakland Relief Societies in honor of the ladies of the Claremont Ward on Friday, September 23rd.

The first Primary meeting in the Claremont Ward was held on September 10th. Bishop Dunyan gave the 40 children present each a bag of candy. The officers are Esther Russell, superintendent; Geneva Hess, first counselor; Thelma Telford, second counselor; Marjorie Wood, organist; Ellen Carr, chorister; Mrs. Doran, Secretary. Teachers include Nanette Millward, Evelyn Burgan, Lucy Thompson, Margaret Barrett, Norma Lowry, Geneva Hess and Thelma Telford.

ELMHURST WARD

Services Held at Chapel, 96th Avenue and Derby Street, Oakland

Mrs. Beatrice Lakness has been released with a vote of thanks, for her fine work as ward organist.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Cox and also to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Lawton who were married recently.

Thuman Nethercott, Eldon Marchant and Bob Stoker have been released from the Y. M. M. I. A. with a vote of thanks. Charles Stamps, Newman Brown and Ade Schipper have been selected as officers for the coming year.

Mrs. Irene Marchant is in Cowley, Wyoming with her mother, who is very ill.

Mrs. E. Darton, Mrs. L. Holder and Mrs. B. Martin have been released from the presidency of the Y. L. M. I. A. with a vote of thanks for their fine work. Mrs. L. Moody and Mrs. E. Coombs have been selected as officers for the coming year. Mrs. Moody has not yet selected the second counselor.

Mrs. Bette Brummett spent two weeks in Long Beach visiting with friends.

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Congratulations to Alina Smithen and Carl Wachter on their engagement.

Mrs. E. Limburg and son from Ogden, were guests at the home of Mrs. A. Schipper.

Mrs. Mary Partington, Mrs. Agnes Nelson and Mrs. Sarah Stock have been released from the Relief Society with a vote of thanks. Mrs. L. Holder and Mrs. E. Darton have been selected as new officers. A second counselor has not yet been selected.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Richards from Redding, Calif., are visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Pearson.

The ward offers their condolences to Mrs. Mary Partington and family in the loss of her mother.

Mrs. Walter Smithen is enjoying a visit in Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. William Owens recently returned from their vacation.

BERKELEY WARD

All Services Held at Chapel, Corner Vine and Walnut Streets, Berkeley

Tuesday evening, September 20th, the M. I. A. held its opening meeting with a social and entertainment. Amy Anderson, new Y. W. M. I. A. president, introduced her officers, Rachel Prout, first counselor; Nan Osmond, second counselor, and Anna Lea Lloyd, secretary. The Young Men's officers are Reed Gardner, president; LeRoi Gardner, first counselor, and Alvin Carpenter, second counselor. The program included numbers by Alice King, Jim Deane, Lial Johnson, Karleton Driggs, and Richard W. Young, after which dancing and refreshments were enjoyed in the social hall.

The Relief Society held a Silver Tea in the lounge, the proceeds of which will go to the Claremont Ward sacrament set. Members of the Berkeley, Oakland and Claremont Wards' Relief Societies were present. General arrangements were under the direction of Hannah L. Richards, and Mrs. Cummings took charge of the entertainment.

The Berkeley Camp No. 1 of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers held a reception for new members on September 12 at the home of Anna Ellsworth. Many of the members wore pioneer costumes and a musical program by Mrs. D. A. Cummings and daughter, Marjorie, was enjoyed. Mrs. A. C. Lund is captain of the group, and wishes to announce that the next meeting will take place at Mrs. C. C. Carr's home on October 17th.

The recently elected officers of the Deseret Club include as president, Tom Furgeson; vice-president, Allen Cannon; women's vice-president, Marguirite Klepfer, and secretary-treasurer, Weston Taylor. The group held a barbecue at the Regional Park on September 17th. The group promises to be very active this year, and all students of the university are invited to attend the meeting on Sunday nights.

The first party for Lambda Delta Sigma of the year was held at the country home of Barbara Hall, near Walnut Creek, on September 17th. Twenty-five members were present. Officers of the group are Bob Johnson, president; Preston Ericksen, vice-president; Laurel Knight, secretary-treasurer; Russell Ball, discussion chairman, and Juanita Fullmer, program chairman. Meetings are held every Sunday night after meeting, and all new members are invited to attend.

Rosemary Parsons and Bernell Nelson were married on September 4th at the Little Chapel of the Flowers in Berkeley by Bishop P. W.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS:

To Mr. and Mrs. Earl Judd, Hayward, a son, July 25.

To Mr. and Mrs. Norman E. Burgman, Oakland, a son, September 5.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Martin, Elmhurst, a daughter, September 6.

BLESSINGS:

Garrie Albert Liotta, Berkeley.

Helen Noreene Phister, Oakland.

Robert Frank Wright, Elmhurst.

Fred William Cochran, Jr., Dimond.

BAPTISMS AND CONFIRMATIONS:

Louis McAllister, Hayward.

Richard H. Lesser, Hayward.

LaVere Bailey, Hayward.

Patricia Russell, Berkeley.

George Harold Anderson, Oakland.

Lenore Wood, Claremont.

Lee Rex Daniels, Dimond.

Mervan Leroy Spencer, Dimond.

ORDINATIONS:

Donald Lewis Naylor, Deacon, Oakland.

Charles Stamps, Priest, Elmhurst.

Darrell Stauffer, Teacher, Elmhurst.

George White, Elder, Elmhurst.

Reed Goodpasture, Elder, Elmhurst.

Bill Schipper, Elder, Elmhurst.

Douglas A. Swanson, Priest, Dimond.

Eugene B. Jacobs, Jr., Teacher, Dimond.

Edgar Thair Bolles, Elder, Dimond.

Wilford Wayne Phister, Teacher, Hayward.

T. Malcolm Teeple, Teacher, Hayward.

MARRIAGES:

J. Oren Yorgason and Helen Turnbaugh, Berkeley, September 9th, in Salt Lake Temple.

Leon Edlefson and Venus Bingham, Richmond, September 9th, in Salt Lake Temple.

Bernell Nelson and Rosemary Parsons, Berkeley, September 4th, in Berkeley.

DEATHS:

Mary E. Christensen, Hayward, September 4.

Mary K. Jeppson, Claremont, September 18.

Frank Hunter, Clyde, September 14.

Dunyan. Helen Caine was maid of honor, and John Nelson best man. The bride wore white satin, carrying a bouquet of gardenias. Relatives of the bride, Mr. C. T. Parsons of Salt Lake, and Dr. and Mrs. Ed Purziance of Los Angeles, were present at the ceremony. The couple will make their home in Merced.

The Bee-Hive Girls met at the home of Mrs. Elgin Erickson, September 3rd for a "Bee-Hive Buzz." The afternoon was spent checking cells and honor badges completed during the summer. The afternoon was completed by playing games and eating watermelon. Besides Mrs. Erickson, Blanche Severe and Maxine Thomas assisted the girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Ebenezer Kirkham, of Salt Lake, paid Berkeley Ward a visit on September 18th. Mr. Kirkham is a brother of Oscar Kirkham, regional scout executive.

The Berkeley Deseret Club held its first meeting of the semester on August 28th in the club room of the Berkeley Chapel at Walnut and Vine streets. Approximately 30 members were present. Games and get-acquainted ideas were carried out.

On Sunday evening, September 4th, the Deseret Club enjoyed a talk by Mr. Vaughn Ellsworth of the Bishopric, on the "\$30 a Week" plan. Old as well as new members attended, swelling the roll to about 50 persons.

On Sunday evening, September 11th, the Berkeley Deseret Club had charge of the program and furnished the music and speakers. Allen Cannon and Berkeley Ericksen, both U. of C. graduate students, talked on timely subjects and Mrs. Glennis Thomas offered numbers on the new pipe organ. A special invitation is extended to all young people, especially students at the university, to come and enjoy these programs, and also become affiliated with the Deseret Club.

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